

## **Public Notice**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

July 1, 2005

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## FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Engineer and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality have received a joint application for Federal and State permits as described below:

## **APPLICANT**

Prince William County, Department of Public Works c/o CH2M Hill Constructors, Inc. 11435 Five Forks Road Manassas, Virginia 20109

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project site contains an unnamed tributary to Broad Run, and is located between the Independence residential development and Wellington Road, northwest of the existing utility right-of-way, in Prince William County, Virginia.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes the Sudley Manor Road extension project, which will connect existing portions of Sudley Manor Drive from Linton Hall Road to Chatsworth Drive, and a stormwater management pond to accommodate stormwater and surface runoff. The road project will impact approximately 1.13 acres of palustrine forest wetlands, 1.10 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, and 1,289 linear feet of stream. The stormwater management pond will temporarily impact approximately 0.01 of an acre of palustrine emergent wetlands and permanently impact approximately 171 linear feet of stream which will be relocated. To mitigate for the proposed impacts to wetlands and streams, the applicant proposes to purchase wetland mitigation credits from an approved bank and offsite stream mitigation.

In addition to the required Department of the Army permit, the applicant must obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assuring that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated and a permit from the WHAT Wetlands Board. Project drawings are attached.

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> Permits are required pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

<u>FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION</u>: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood

plain values, land use classification, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material" will also be applied (Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act).

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Engineer within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Engineer will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) based on review of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources' Data Sharing System, several known archaeological and architectural sites considered eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are located within the project area. Additional information might change any of these findings.

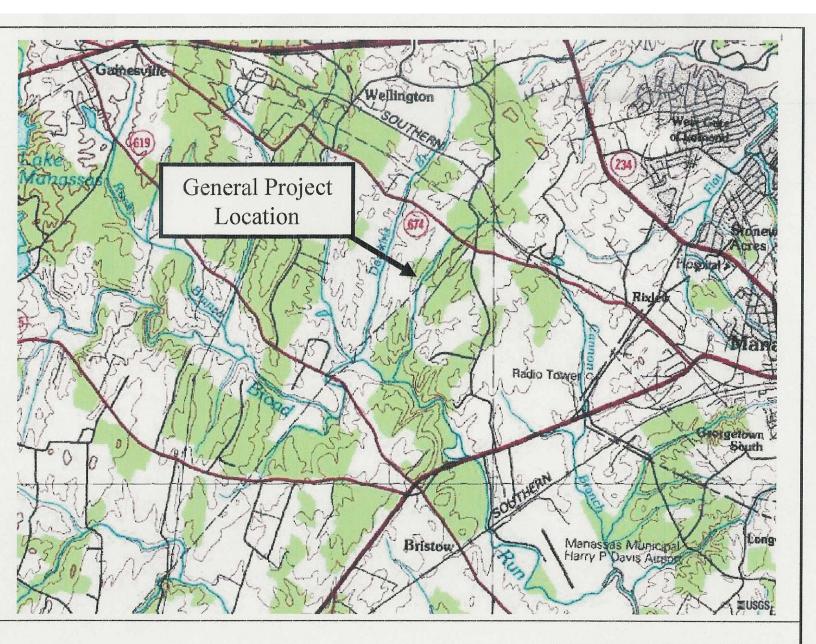
<u>COMMENT PERIOD</u>: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-TS-G), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on August 1, 2005.

If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call Ms. Theresita Crockett-Augustine at 703-221-9736.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

BRUCE F. WILLIAMS Chief, Northern Virginia Regulatory Section

**Attachment: Drawings** 



Sudley Manor Drive PPTA Project Location Manassas, Virginia

